

DUE TO THE WEATHER, TONIGHT'S COOKOUT AT THE PARSONAGE is postponed until October 18, 5pm.

Email Blast for October 8



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

October 8, 2023

Hearing God's Call & Responding in Love,
We Share Jesus With All!

FROM PASTOR ED

In our Gospel lesson this week we hear the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. In the parable, the tenants of a vineyard refuse to give the owner of the vineyard its produce. They beat the messengers sent collect it and

when the owner of the vineyard sends his son, they kill him. Foreshadowing his own death in just a few days, Jesus challenges the religious leaders of his day to be good stewards of the great treasure God has entrusted to them: the spiritual life of God's people.

What great treasures has God entrusted to us? To his Church? To our congregation? Are we being faithful in our care of The Gospel and the people whom God so loves?

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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Prelude

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine

Joyce Wanamaker

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (We share the words, "Peace be with you" with one another.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW # 803, v. 1, 3 & 4

Liturgy *Setting 4*

ELW p. 147

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

Prayer of the Day

All: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Amazing Grace

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Old Testament p. 647

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15 (congregation reads responsively)

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

New Testament p. 190

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

New Testament p. 33

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW # 659, v. 1-3

Renewal of Vows

Profession of Faith—Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty,

**C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the
body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Holy Communion

ELW p. 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.

Communion Hymns

<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	ELW # 595
<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of You</i>	ELW # 754
<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	ELW # 742

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i>	ELW # 805, v. 1 & 3
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The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,
C: **we share Jesus with all!**

Postlude

<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Joyce Wanamaker
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Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist	Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....	Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director.....	Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....	Ingrid Niemann
Greeters/Ushers	Jim & Karen Mellody
Liturgist	Katie Heaford
Lector.....	Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Mike Ward
Coffee Fellowship.....	Evangelism

COMING THIS WEEK

October 8-15

Today		Pastor Appreciation Day
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for children
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Hellman 25 th Anniversary Celebration Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee
	10:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
	11:30 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Branson Trip – “Queen Esther”
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		Sunday School & Bible Study for children
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Sandra Gilbert

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Zach Rezac (friend of the Hellmans)

Pat & Shirley Rogers—health concerns

Jessica Birdsong – health concerns

Ruth Goddard & family

Ginger Frazier—health concerns

Lyn Golvig—health concerns

Michelle Becker—health concerns

Matthew Clark—serious injuries (Susan & Steve Clark’s son)

Jerry Williams—surgery successful; now in rehab. (Maxine’s brother-in-law)

Dave Fosler—progressing, in therapy (Carolyn & Gary Wiles’ son-in-law)

Duane & Grace Cridland (friends of Melba & Phil Bangert)

Kathy Pipes (friend of LeeAnne Brumm)

Jennifer Pedersen—breast cancer (Allan & Sally Burke’s daughter)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson

Dana Anderson

Pam Babcock

Cody Blasberg

Marcille Bohling

Cindy Campbell

Shirley Clark

Evelyn Clements

Mary Beth Fair

Ron Ferguson

Stacey Flect

Shane Foster

Ken Gerardy

Carla Glusing

Gary Hansen

Debbie Hanshaw

Linda Harris

Bryan Hastings

Rod Hayes

Mike Holmes

CF Huff

Teresa Joslin

Linda Kimberling

Blanch Lacroix

Barry Mabe

Larry Mausbach

Dave & Sara Newton

Steve O’Connor

Mike Page

Rev. Bill Peterson

Gloria Peterson
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins

Dan Rogers
Karen Tischnor
Bernie Wiegel

Larry Wilson

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Dylan Craig

Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Adam Kralina

Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson
Trent Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 8

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship (and donuts!) after the service. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address and phone number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor Ed at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Dave & Cindy Curchy in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary (10/04); and by Joel and Mary Lou Hellman in celebration of their 25th wedding celebration (10/10).

CARE CORE for October is Melba Bangert, 573-836-5030.

25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Join us this morning following worship for cake and coffee to celebrate with Joel & Mary Lou Hellman on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45 a.m., in the Faith Room (first classroom on the parking lot side of the fellowship hall.) The class will be led by Diane Ziehl.

GERMAN DINNER AT OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN On Saturday, October 7, come enjoy a delicious German dinner, served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. \$15 for adults; \$5 for ages 10 and under. Live Polka music and lots of wonderful door prizes. Hwy 54 East at 4th Street, Camdenon.

IVORIES AND HARMONIES This afternoon at 2:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church in Camdenon, come and hear some inspiring music from local musicians. You'll see several familiar faces! Sponsored by the Lake Arts Council. Admission is free; a donation will be accepted.

THE BRANSON TRIP to see Queen Esther is here! The bus will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. for an enjoyable day. Contact Cindy Mohling (319-269-9853) if you have questions.

THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to the Buddy Pack fund on Sunday. Vinny asked me to thank everyone for being so generous. \$323 was raised.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: WALKING WITH GOD IN THE DESERT This seven-session small group Bible study (guide sold separately) by noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume twelve of the *That the World May Know* series. Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. This series beckons you to follow Jesus and discover the astounding truth of what it means to be a Christian. In *Walking with God in the Desert* you'll discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find God is closer than ever and can experience his amazing grace and provision. Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Start date tbd** – we are waiting for the study guides to arrive.

LOVE ABIDES GRIEF GROUP will meet at 3pm on Wednesday, October 18. All are welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 20 Kent's fall blood drive will be Friday, October 20, from 1:00-5:30 p.m. To schedule your appointment, call the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks at 417-227-5006 or visit www.cbco.org/donate-blood.

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 31 Kent will host our annual Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. After the kids have all been treated, come inside and warm up with our soup & chili meal. A sign-up sheet for the soup/chili will be up soon. If you can't join in the fun, donations of candy to be handed out are always welcome.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS CFC has been really, really busy!! Thank you for all of the support we receive in the way of items needed for the food pantry. Just a reminder, our pantry stocks non-food items as well. These items our clients cannot purchase with food stamps, and that is why I am listing those.

- * Shampoo - for men and women.
- * Body wash - for men and women.
- * Deodorant - for men and women.
- * Beans of any kind
- * Rice (flavored mixes)
- * Baking items – flour, sugar, salt, etc.
- * Condiments - catsup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, coffee
- * Taco & chili Seasonings
- * Canned meat of any kind
- * Cereal
- * Cleaning supplies
- * Paper towels
- * Tissues

Again, we thank you for any kind of donations!!!

ADDITIONAL OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED The Counting Team Leader would like you to know that we need a few more people to join the counting group. Currently the counting group is made up of 6 pairs for the actual counting of the offering. Currently, each pair counts once every 6 weeks. We would like to add another team and an additional person to substitute when the need arises. If you would like to help us out by joining this team or if you have any questions about the way it works, please contact Jane Maher.

OUR SINCERE THANKS Pastor Foster & Men's Group of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church: Thank you so much for your hospitality and kindness last Wednesday (9/20) for our luncheon and 45th Anniversary Celebration! We appreciate it more than you know! Thank you again! The West Lake Newcomers Club